

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

The paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 15 as follows:

Thus, by integrally containing the inks and the print media of the optimal combination in the media pack 200, and by using the media[[1]] pack selected by a user in accordance with image quality and a purpose such as the use of a print, an optimal image can be surely recorded. Incidentally, the media[[1]] pack 200 comprises an EEPROM for identification (may be referred to as identification IC). This EEPROM stores identification data on kinds of inks and print media contained in the media pack 200, and residual amounts of the inks and the print media.

The paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 16 as follows:

Further, the media pack 200 comprises a wiper 206 for wiping the recording head of the printer (described later), and a waste ink absorber 207 for absorbing a waste ink jetted from the printer. An arrow A in FIG. 2 indicates a direction in which the recording head of the printer is reciprocated, and this direction of the arrow A is referred to as a main scanning direction. When the recording media pack 200 is removed from the device main body 100, the shutter 202 is slid to the position of the double-dashed chain line in FIG. 2 to protect the joint 205, the wiper 206, the ink absorber 207, etc.

The paragraph bridging pages 20 and 21 as follows:

The printer 100 comprises a supply joint 402 below the supply air port 523 (see FIG. 5) of the recording head unit 500 moved to the home position. Incidentally, the supply air port 523 may be referred to as a gas suction port. The supply joint 402 is connected through a supply tube 403 to a pump cylinder 415 for generating a negative pressure. An up-and-down movable joint lifter (not shown) is moved up, whereby the supply joint 402 is moved up to be connected to the supply air port 523 of the recording head unit 500. By the connection of the joint lifter 405 to the supply air port 523, a negative pressure introducing path is formed between the negative pressure introducing section of the subtank of the recording head unit 500 and the pump cylinder 415.

The paragraph bridging pages 32 and 33 as follows:

Additionally, the inventors of the invention have discovered that when the elapsed time from the end of the previous printing is very long, even if the ink is supplied after the condensed ink is jetted from the subtank 530, ink coloring material concentration is high compared with the general ink, and a stable image cannot be formed. According to an experiment made by the inventors, viscosity of an ink in the subtank 530 becomes very high if the subtank is left in an environment of a temperature 30°C and humidity 10% for about 30 days. In such a case, the viscosity-increased ink in the subtank 530 must be made thin to flow. Specifically, an ink is added from the main tank 203 to the viscosity-increased ink in the subtank 530 and left for a predetermined time (several seconds). By adding the ink to the viscosity-increased ink and leaving it for the

predetermined time, the ink which remains in the subtank 530 to be condensed to increase its viscosity is mixed with the newly supplied ink to be able to flow. The standing time must be changed from 1 second to about 10 seconds depending on a kind of an ink. Thus, by adding the ink to the viscosity-increased ink in the subtank 530, jetting all the inks from the subtank 530 after an elapse of a predetermined time, and supplying an ink again from the main tank 203 to the subtank 503 530, a stable image can be formed. An elapsed time from the end of the previous printing until the viscosity of the ink in the subtank 530 becomes very high is set as a second threshold value.